



TIER 1 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

ABOUT THE SONORAN CORRIDOR

In partnership with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is conducting a three-year environmental study to select a corridor location for the Sonoran Corridor, a proposed new highway that would connect Interstate 10 (I-10) and Interstate 19 (I-19) south of the Tucson International Airport.

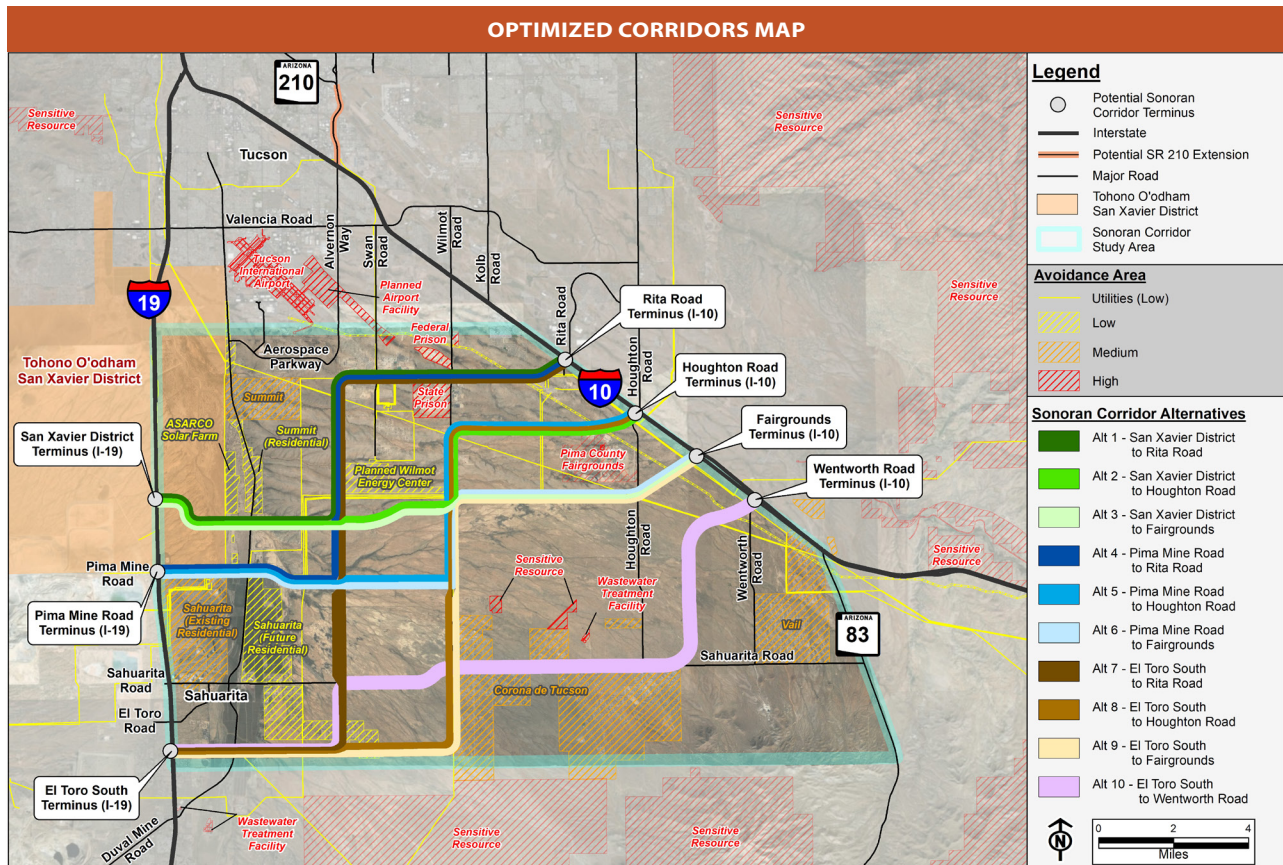
THE STUDY PROCESS

In March 2017, FHWA and ADOT initiated the study for the Sonoran Corridor, a proposed new corridor that would connect I-10 and I-19 south of the Tucson International Airport. The Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared as part of the process to establish a preferred corridor alternative, including a "no-build" option, in accordance with National Environmental Policy Act and other regulatory requirements. A separate Corridor Selection Report (CSR) will be prepared to help identify a range of reasonable alternatives that will be further studied in the EIS. The Tier 1 EIS also will compare the "no-build" option against the range of reasonable alternatives. The process includes engaging and involving stakeholder agencies, organizations and the public throughout the study.

CORRIDOR SCREENING CATEGORIES

Potential corridors identified in this study are being evaluated based on their ability to address:

- Anticipated growth
- Mobility
- Highway system linkages
- Economic development
- Environment
- Constructability

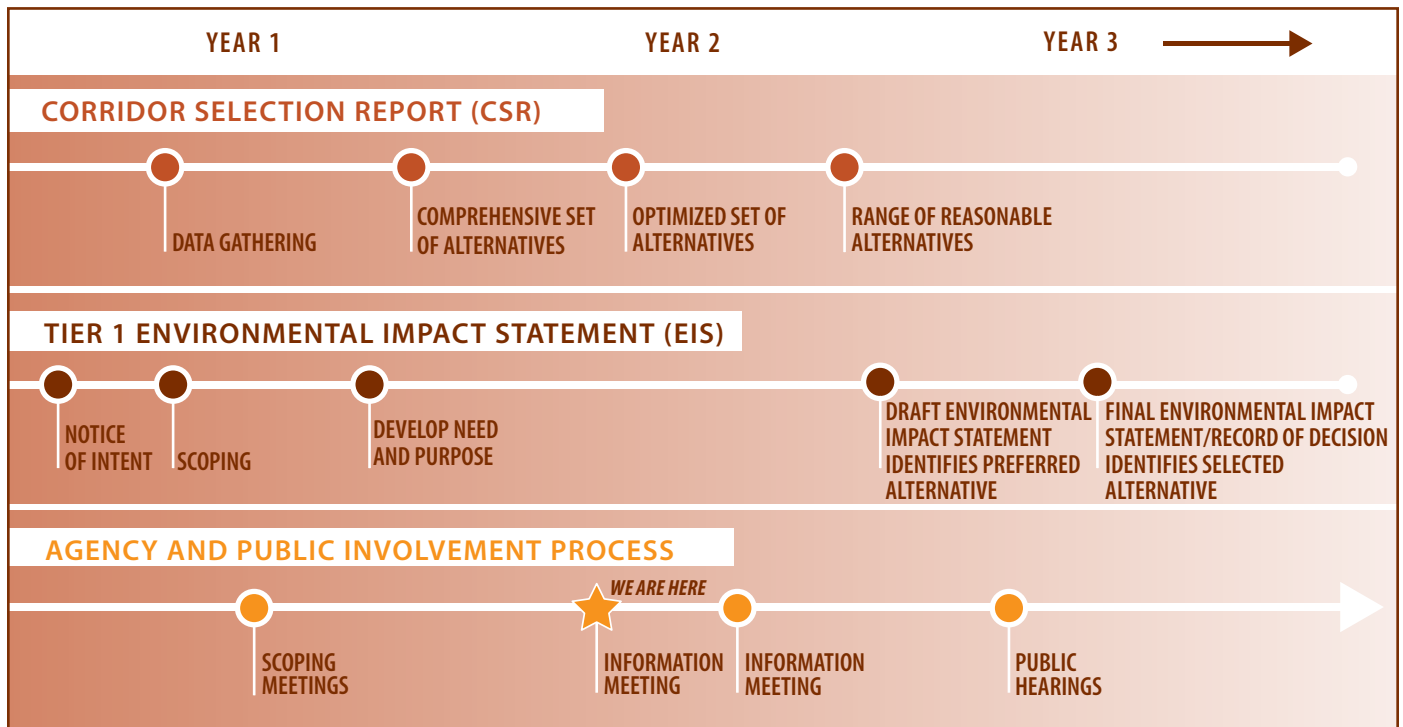


ABOUT THE TIER 1 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)

A Tier 1 EIS allows a federal agency to prepare a document that analyzes a program or a large project on a broad scale. The initial phase of the study consists of a Corridor Selection Report, which assesses a wide range of corridor alternatives and options through a robust process that includes screening possible corridor alternatives based on environmental, geographical, and socio-economic factors and other issues important to the study process to help identify a range of reasonable alternatives.

A public and agency involvement process will help the study team establish project needs, identify a range of reasonable alternatives and ultimately the preferred alternative. The study team will identify 2000-foot-wide corridors. Future analysis will identify a specific, better defined, alignment for the roadway. The Tier 1 EIS will document the environmental considerations related to the range of reasonable alternatives and the “no-build” alternative as part of identifying the preferred alternative.

SONORAN CORRIDOR STUDY PROCESS AND SCHEDULE



HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

ADOT and the FHWA will engage and involve stakeholder agencies, organizations and members of the community throughout the study process. Opportunities to comment will be available through meetings and other forms of public outreach.

ADOT will hold a public information meeting on the Sonoran Corridor Tier 1 EIS in Tucson at the *Desert Diamond Casino Conference Center, 7350 S. Nogales Highway, on Sept. 26 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.* to share information about the study and gather input that will help inform the process to identify a preliminary list of feasible corridor alternatives.

A comprehensive list of corridor alternatives will be the focus of the upcoming public information meeting. A subsequent public meeting to be held in early 2019 will provide the opportunity to comment on a reasonable range of alternatives. The study team will then present a preferred alternative in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement at two public hearings planned for late 2019.



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